
RESOLUTION

RELATING TO NAMING OF THE MAUNALUA BAY CANOE HALAU FOR MYRON
"PINKY" THOMPSON

WHEREAS, the efforts of Myron "Pinky" Thompson, who passed away on Christmas Day 2001, made a tremendous and lasting impact on the quality of life for native Hawaiians; and

WHEREAS, Pinky was a humble, yet driven leader who was guided by the wisdom of his ancestors, finding in his Hawaiian heritage ancient values with modern day applications; and

WHEREAS, Pinky was a true visionary who created a statewide healthcare system for native Hawaiians and Alu Like, a program established to channel federal money toward native Hawaiians in job training, health, housing, education and native rights; and

WHEREAS, Pinky's focus on early education programs through Kamehameha Schools was revolutionary for the time and left an enduring legacy; and

WHEREAS, as a founder and President of the Polynesian Voyaging Society, Pinky guided the Hokule'a voyages throughout the vast Pacific to reunite an ancient 'ohana and ignite pride among Pacific peoples everywhere; and

WHEREAS, Pinky's love of the sea encompassed voyaging and paddling canoes; his leadership of Hui Nalu Canoe Club was based on his belief that canoe paddling and the cultural heritage it represents is an important contribution to a healthy community; and

WHEREAS, Pinky, who with Hui Nalu championed the project to build a canoe halau at Maunalua Bay Beach Park, spoke with pride at its groundbreaking about the importance of the values that are embraced by the organization; and

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WHEREAS, Pinky has left a legacy by establishing major social, health, educational, cultural, and recreational programs that will be sustained for the benefit of future generations; and

WHEREAS, by naming the Maunalua Bay Canoe Halau after Pinky, the community will have a symbol as a reminder of the blessings this gentle leader left with us; and

WHEREAS, Section 22-9.3, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended, provides that a new or existing City park, site or facility may be named for a deceased person who meets one or more of the following criteria:

- 1) The person has a significant association with the park, site or facility;
- 2) The person has contributed significantly to the community or the area in which the park, sit or facility is located;
- 3) The person has achieved significant recognition historically on the city state or national or international level; or
- 4) The person has been honored for service with the U.S. armed forces; and

WHEREAS, Pinky was seriously wounded as he fought courageously in the Battle of Normandy in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Pinky Thompson meets every one of these criteria with distinction; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Maunalua Bay Canoe Halau be named the "Myron Pinky Thompson Canoe Halau"; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City & County of Honolulu is hereby authorized to carry out provisions of this Resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Council of the City & County of Honolulu that the Clerk be and is directed to

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transmit copies of this Resolution to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, the Director of Parks and Recreation and to Ms. Laura Thompson and the members of the family of the late Myron "Pinky" Thompson.

INTRODUCED BY:



Councilmembers

Date of Introduction

MAY 7 2002

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CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was adopted by the COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU on the date and by the vote indicated to the right.

ATTEST:


GENEVIEVE G. WONG
CITY CLERK


JOHN DeSOTO
CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER

Dated 5/29/02

ADOPTED MEETING HELD			
5/29/02			
	AYE	NO	A/E
BAINUM	X		
BUNDA	X		
CACHOLA	X		
DeSOTO	X		
FELIX	X		
HOLMES	X		
KOBAYASHI	X		
OKINO	X		
YOSHIMURA	X		
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Reference:

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